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SUBJECT: ALLEGED POLICE MISTREATMENT OF UN STAFF MEMBER

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTER DATED MARCH 17, 1977 FROM JOHN SCOTT, ACTING DIRECTOR, UN GENERAL LEGAL DIVISION, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FOR WENCESLAUS CONTINHO, A UN STAFF MEMBER OF INDIAN NATIONALITY WITH A G-4 VISA WHO WAS ARRESTED ON FEBRUARY 18, 1978 BY BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY POLICE.

2. CIRCUMSTANCES OF HIS ARREST AND TREATMENT ACCORDED HIM BY NEW JERSEY POLICE AUTHORITIES DURING HIS TEMPORARY DETENTION ARE SET FORTH IN A STATEMENT FORWARDED TO IO/UNP LOUIS R. HAGE.

3. UN LEGAL OFFICE BELIEVES BOTH CIRCUMSTANCES OF CONTINHO'S DETENTION AND ALLEGED TREATMENT TO BE VIOLATIONS OF MINIMUM STANDARDS OF POLICE CONDUCT AND A POTENTIAL VIOLATION OF ACT FOR PREVENTION AND PUNISHMENT OF CRIMES AGAINST INTERNATIONALLY PROTECTED PERSONS, 90 STAT 1997, 18 USC 112.

4. CONTINHO IS SCHEDULED TO APPEAR BEFORE JUDGE F.W. KUECHENMUSTER, PRESIDING JUDGE, BERGEN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT, CRIMINAL PART, MARCH 22, 1978.
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5. WE UNDERSTAND CHARGES AGAINST CONTINHO ARE (1) ASSAULT AND BATTERY ON POLICE OFFICER; (2) DAMAGE TO COUNTY PROPERTY; (3) UTTERING PROFANE LANGUAGE AND DISTURBING POLICE HEADQUARTERS PROCEDURES.

6. SCOTT STATES UN LEGAL OFFICE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY

ACTION USUN CAN TAKE TO ASSIST CONTINHO. SPECIFICALLY
HE BELIEVES AN EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO HAVE CHARGES
DISMISSED.

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS WITH REGARD
TO POSSIBLE STEPS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO RENDER
ASSISTANCE TO CONTINHO AS REQUESTED BY UNITED NATIONS.
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